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IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and drop heat flares have continued over the period 11 to 20 April 1994.

11 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 29 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Shaqlawah, Aqrah, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Chabaish, Qurnah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

12 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Artawi.

At 1230 hours on 12 April 1994, aggressor aircraft dropped two heat flares over the Ba'shiqah area in the Ninawa Governorate.

13 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

At 1150 hours on 13 April 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over Basra, Qurnah, Samawah, Shatrah, Amarah, and Chabaish. It left at 1435 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace.

14 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 34 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Sinjar, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 51 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

15 April 1994

Southern region: 12 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Lasaf and Busayyah.

At 1651 hours on 15 April 1994, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier over the Khidr area.

16 April 1994

Southern region: 36 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Qal'at Salih.

17 April 1994

Southern region: 36 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Suq al-Shuyukh, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

18 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

At 1751 hours on 18 April 1994, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier over the Jalibah area.

19 April 1994

Southern region: 66 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shanafiyah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

20 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 31 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

At 0709 hours on 20 April 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over the city of Nasiriyah.

At 0917 hours on 20 April 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the area to the west of Basra. It left at 1230 hours in the direction of Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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